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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A fish oil, glue and fertilizer factory is to be established at Punta Gords, Fla. —— Two new cotton mills are to be established at Rockingham, N. C. —— Two new cotton mills organized at King's Mountain. —— A negro girl attempted to poison the family of Mr. R. C. Batchelor, at Raleigh, N. C., by putting a box of matches into a pot of coffee. —— The report of committee on the case of Roberts of Utah will be made soon after Congress reassembles; the majority will recommend that Roberts be excluded from the House. —— Negotiations with European powers by the United States to continue the open-door policy in China have been completed. —— Col. Pilcher, commanding British forces at Orange River, reports defeat of the Boers in an engagement January 1st and the capture of about forty prisoners. —— The Republican State Convention will meet in Raleigh May 2d. —— Peonage or slavery in the island of Guam has been abolished; the governor of the island has also deported all the Spanish priests. —— General offices of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad in Richmond, Va., burned; loss on building $70,000. —— A motorman killed in a trolley car accident at Savannah, Ga.; one passenger seriously hurt. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 3@10 per cent., last loan at 3 per cent., ruling rate 8 per cent.; cotton quiet; middling uplands 7⅝c.; flour was held above buyers' views, although there was more disposition to take near the close, owing to the strength in wheat; wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 75⅝c.; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 40⅛c.; rosin steady; strained common to good $1 40@1 45; spirits turpentine firm at 52@52½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 2.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 16 degrees; 8 P. M., 29 degrees; maximum, 35 degrees; minimum, 16 degrees; mean, 26 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .06 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—For North Carolina: Fair; not so cold Wednesday; fair Thursday; light westerly winds.

Port Almanac—Jan. 3.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4 59 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H 49 M
High Water at Southport	8 30 P M.
High Water, Wilmington	12.00 P. M.

There is a gas war on in New York, but some of the people are making light of it.

Since 1890 the value of the mine products of this country has increased from $369,319,000 to $697,820,720. Since 1893 the increase has been at the rate of $25,000,000 a year.

Hon. John Wanamaker showed his opinion of Stonewall Jackson by declaring that the late Dwight L. Moody was "the Stonewall Jackson of the church of the nineteenth century."

Young Consul Hay has left England for Pretoria. It is said that he will be a *persona non grata* there because he loitered so long in England and hobnobbed so much with the British aristocracy.

Senator Beveridge says he hasn't yet made up his mind on the Quay case. When Quay springs some of those tarpon stories and introduces him to some of his favorite beverages he probably will.

As proof that the franchise was a mere pretext for the English schemers who forced the Transvaal war, Paul Kruger says 50,000 outlanders would, under the Boer law, become citizens this year, which would give them 50,000 votes to 30,000 of the Boers.

They are just beginning to discover some of the original settlers of Ohio. They recently dug up near Springfield, in that State, the skull of a man of the glacial period. It was equipped with four horns, too, proof that even the original Ohio man had a weakness for "horns."

A Northern preacher recently imparted to his congregation the extraordinary information that there were "no newspapers in heaven." If he had pursued his investigation further he might have discovered that there were no telegraphs, nor telephones there. Some men narrowly escape being born fools.

A young man in Tennessee saved his father from going to the penitentiary for moonshining by declaring that it was he who did the shining and that the old man was completely in the dark and didn't know anything about it, so the boy went to the pen and the father went home. There is good stuff in that fellow.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Clyde steamship *Saginaw* cleared at 3.55 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Georgetown, S. C.

—Miss Jennie Burbank, daughter of Dr. Thos. S. Burbank, pleasantly entertained a party of her friends last night.

— Spirits turpentine again reached the 50 cent mark yesterday. The tone of the market was firm and receipts light.

— The schooner *John R. Fell*, Capt. Loveland, arrived in port yesterday to Messrs. Geo. Harriss, Son & Co., from New York.

— The steamer *A. P. Hurt* arrived from Fayetteville about noon yesterday and cleared late last evening for the return trip.

— About fifty negroes left here yesterday to work in the turpentine fields of Georgia. This makes about a hundred which have left this region in the last few days.

— Superintendent Blair, of the city schools, stated yesterday afternoon that the schools, after the holiday vacation, opened yesterday morning with good attendance.

— The Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange transacted only routine business at their regular monthly meeting which was held yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

— County Treasurer H. McL. Green yesterday received notification from Superintendent of Public Instruction C. H. Mebane, that New Hanover county's pro rata part of the 100,000 appropriation for the public schools, is $1,160.23. A warrant for that amount has been issued.

— The Organ Fund Society of Grace M. E. Church will hold its annual meeting to morrow night at 7 30 o'clock at the lecture room. Officers will be elected and other matters concerning the object of the society, which is the purchase of a pipe organ for the church, will receive attention.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. Shrier—Happy New Year!
Opera House—Woodward-Warren Co
Sneed Fuller Co.—Happy New Year!

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Star Studio—Cabinet photos.
U. C. Ellis—Photographic novelties.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. D. H. Wallace, of Wallace, is here on business.

— Mr. R. L. Grier, of Charlotte, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw, is in the city.

— Mr. R. Sanderson, of Ashton, is here making business calls.

— Mr. Alex McClure returned yesterday to Davidson College.

— Mr. E. H. Gray, of Shallotte, came over to the city yesterday,

— Mr. Y. W. Young, of Winston, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. Walter L. Cohoon, of the Raleigh *News and Observer*, is in the city.

— Messrs. W. W. Miller and W. H. Peden, of Rocky Point, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. J. D. Tyndall, of Autreyville, N. C., was a welcome visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Leary and Mr. T. J. Leary, of Newbern, were guests of The Orton yesterday.

— Mr. W. D. Faucett, who has been spending the holidays with friends in the city, left for the A. & M. College.

— Hon. John D. Bellamy left last evening, via Atlantic Coast Line, for Washington. Congress re-assembles to morrow.

— Miss Ethel Barnes, after spending the holidays at home, returned to Raleigh yesterday to resume her studies at the Baptist Female University.

— Rev. J. L. Finch, who has been spending the holidays with Mrs. Finch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Barnes, returned to Carthage yesterday.

— Mr. Thad F. Tyler, left yesterday for Greensboro. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lucy, who will enter the Greensboro Female College.

— Mr. K. C. Barrett, of Florence, S. C., route agent of the Southern Express Co, was here yesterday to report to District Superintendent W. J. Crosswell.

— Mr. John M. Welsh, advance agent for Town Topics, arrived in the city yesterday. This attraction will appear at the Opera House next Tuesday night.

— Dr. Frank Duffy, of Newbern, brother of Solicitor Rodolph Duffy, of this city, was here yesterday and left in the afternoon on a business trip to Little River, S. C.

— N. P. Mangum, Esq., accompanied by his friend, Mr. J. M. Brewer, returned yesterday from Wake Forest, where he has been spending the holidays with his parents.

— Rev. E. J. Edwards, the new pastor of Southport Baptist church, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Ella, is in the city on his way from Lena, N. C., to his new charge.

—Miss Mary Stroupe, of Winston, who has been here spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Harper, returned home yesterday. She was accompanied by Miss Louise Harper, who went back to Salem Female Academy.

THE COMMISSIONERS' ADJOURNED MEETING.

Captain Barry Re-elected Superintendent of County Roads—City Asked to Join in Purchasing a Rock Crusher.

Pursuant to recess on Monday afternoon the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County met at 2.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, all the members being in attendance, viz: Chairman Moore, and Commissioners Holmes, McEachern and Alexander.

The Board acted favorably on the application of R. E. Daniels, manager of the estate of N. J. Burch, for license to sell spirituous and malt liquors, at No 6 South Front street.

Road Superintendent Elected.

The matter of electing a superintendent of county roads was brought up, and applications for that position were read. Applications were received from the following, who proposed to give the required bond:

Capt. John Barry, the present incumbent, made application for the position, without naming the amount of salary expected.

Mr. Sol. J. Jones made application and proposed $58 per month as his salary.

Mr. John D. Woody proposed to fill the position at $600 a year.

Mr. B. F. Boykin applied for the position and proposed that his salary should be $60 a month.

Mr. John S. Harriss applied and named his compensation as $600 a year.

Capt. O. A. Wiggins made application without naming the compensation.

The vote resulted as follows: Capt. John Barry, 3; Mr. Sol. J. Jones 1. Capt Barry was declared elected.

On motion, the salary of the superintendent of roads was fixed at $75 per month the same as for the term just ended.

Preparation For Road Building

Commissioner McEachern moved that the city be requested to co-operate with the commissioners in the joint purchase of a rock crusher and road machinery, material, etc.

The motion was adopted, and on motion of Commissioner Holmes, Chairman Moore and Commissioner McEachern were appointed a committee to confer with the Board of Aldermen of the city as to the joint purchase of a crusher and road machinery and such material as may be needed in building roads and streets.

The Commissioners have had submitted to them a proposition to furnish a portable prison, with sleeping berths, in which to confine convicts who may be employed on the roads. The prison is mounted on wheels and can be drawn from one place to another by horses. The question as to the use of such prison or whether ordinary stockades should be built along the roads at such places as may be necessary, was informally talked over, but at the suggestion of Commissioner Holmes that matter was laid over till arrangements for rock and machinery can be first made.

It was expressed as the sense of the board that work on the roads should be pushed as rapidly as possible.

Other Business.

The other business transacted by the board was as follows:

The proposition of the Wilmington Gas and Electric Light Company to light the court house by electricity for a consideration of $250 a year was accepted. The contract with the same company for last year was for a consideration of $300.

The board adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman.

THE NAVAL RESERVES.

Wilmington Division Trying to Arrange a Trip on the Hornet to Charleston.

Wilmington Division, North Carolina Naval Brigade, had its regular weekly drill last night, with a good attendance notwithstanding the cold weather.

The STAR learns that the Reserves are trying to manage for a cruise of three or four days to Charleston on the brigade's training ship, the auxiliary cruiser *Hornet*. It is proposed to run down to Charleston about Easter, spend a day or two there and out to sea and then return to Wilmington. This will tend to limber up the *Hornet*, give the reserves some sea practice, and afford them an outing that would be as enjoyable as it would be beneficial.

The B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young Peoples' Union, of the First Baptist Church, had a good meeting last night in the lecture room. The Rev. Dr. Blackwell attended the meeting and spoke of the life and labors of Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, who died a few days ago. He gave an interesting sketch of his life and paid a glowing tribute to the great revivalist, speaking of the wide influence of this great and good man in converting sinners throughout this and other lands.

Diphtheria Case.

Another case of diphtheria has been officially reported to the Superintendent of Health. It has been quarantined at the residence of Capt. J. B. Huggins, No. 705 Dock street, and the patient is Miss Sallie Ennett. There are now four cases of the contagion in the city, according to the official record.

Wm. R. Brice has opened a first class grocery at No. 130 South Front street, and respectfully solicits a share of the patronage of the public. †

APPROPRIATION FOR PEST HOUSES ALLOWED.

Contractor Tyler Will Receive Pay for Buildings—City Finance Board Considered Many Other Matters.

Every member was present at the regular semi-monthly meeting of the city Board of Audit and Finance, which was held last night.

Probably the most interesting action by that body was the reconsideration of the matter of approval of the bill of Mr. Thad F. Tyler for $948 for the building of the city pest houses. It will be recalled that at first the board refused to concur with the Aldermen in allowing the claim, but now a warrant will be drawn on the treasurer and the amount will be paid at once.

The Board also at the meeting last night approved the bill of W. H. Northrop, Jr., for $16.65, amount of premium on $900 insurance on the buildings.

Action of the Board of Aldermen in allowing Messrs. Yopp & Helm $48 75 for bicycle for the Market street policemen, was also approved, as was also their action in awarding the lease of the Opera House to Mr. S. A. Schloss for $750. The bond and agreement of the lessee were also submitted but were referred back to the Mayor for correction.

The quarterly payments are stipulated at $137 50 which would aggregate only $550 per year instead of $750, as agreed.

The clerk submitted a statement of the examination of the books of the Treasurer and and Tax Collector for the month of November, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November	$33,682 42
Receipts month November	30,845 14
Total	$64,527 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Current expenses	$ 8,551 51
Litigation	12 25
Notes paid	40,000 00
Interest	223 34
Coupons	112 50
Bonds	1,900 00
Quarantine	22 00
Small Pox Hospital	3 50
Balance to December	13,702 46
Total	$64,527 56

Bills were audited and approved as follows, after which an adjournment was taken subject to call of the chairman:

Current expenses	$4,870 28
Court cost in case Seigler vs. Policeman Winner	28 15
Pest Houses	948 00
Insurance Pest Houses	16 65
Total	$5,863 08

"WHY JONES LEFT HOME."

Entertainment Last Night at Opera House by Woodward-Warren Company.

"Why Jones left home," a sparkling and puzzling comedy, was successfully rendered last night at the Opera House to the amusement of a very large audience.

The play was thoroughly enjoyable from start to finish and was so bright, and evanescent as to keep the audience in a continued round of laughter. It has to do chiefly with the mishaps, jealousies and schemes of married life, and while witty, bright and humorous, never sinks to the common level.

The Woodward-Warren combination is the equal of any repertoire company that has visited Wilmington in many years and puts up a clean and delightful performance.

The bill for to-night is the "Midnight Call," a comedy drama of much merit. For Wednesday's matinee the management announces a repitition by special request of "Why Jones Left Home?"

Mayor's Court.

A number of cases was heard by Mayor Waddell in the municipal court yesterday.

David Jacobs, Jr., colored, for an assault with a deadly weapon on Christmas day upon Adrian Henry, colored, was bound over to the Criminal Court in the sum of $50, which he gave.

Gealy James, colored, for the larceny of a pair of shoes from a Brooklyn cobbler's shop was sent to the county jail in default of $50 bond.

Emma Thompson, white, drunk and down, was given ten days.

Burt Green, colored, was given ten days and Walter Cooper was required to pay the costs in cases against them for disorderly conduct.

The case of Chris McCulloch, colored, for violation of the sanitary ordinance, was continued.

Commissioners Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court in a certain proceeding in which D. N. Chadwick, administrator, was plaintiff, and L. W. Davis, et al. were defendants, John D. Bellamy, Jr., yesterday sold at auction a valuable lot of real estate on the south side of Church street, 100 feet from the southeast intersection of Front and Church streets. It was bid in by Capt. W. A. Sanders for $1,250.

The Marshall Case.

Federal Court for the Raleigh district convened yesterday pursuant to adjournment. The case against A. J. Marshall, Esq., in which Wilmington people are so deeply interested, will be called to-morrow according to the calendar arranged. Mr. Marshall with his counsel and witnesses expect to leave this afternoon via the Seaboard Air Line to attend the hearing.

— The STAR is glad to note that Capt. John Cowan is out again after several days indisposition. He is, however, not entirely well yet.

RALEIGH'S NEWS BUDGET.

Federal Court in Session—Senator Pritchard—Tobacco Growers' Meeting—Low Temperature—Sad Accident.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.

Senator Pritchard will speak against the constitutional amendment at Rockingham on January 16th.

Federal court resumed its session here this morning, having adjourned over for the holidays. It was in session two weeks before Christmas, and it will probably take two weeks more to complete the docket. The trial of A. J. Marshall, the Wilmington attorney, charged with counterfeiting, is set for Thursday.

Tobacco Growers' Convention.

Wake county tobacco farmers met here yesterday and named delegates to the State Tobacco Growers' Convention which meets here on January 17th. There was a large representation of tobacco farmers present and there was considerable talk of organizing an independent factory with farmers as stockholders to manufacture the tobacco and cut the trust off from the raw material.

The Secretary of State incorporates the Salem Iron Works with a capital stock of $50,000 and the J. F. White Company, of Oxford, wholesale merchants, with a capital of $20 000.

The lowest temperature ever known here in December was reached Sunday morning, when the thermometer at the Weather Bureau registered nine degrees. Many private thermometers nearer the ground were as low as six.

New Year's Calling.

The old-time custom of New Year's calling was more generally observed last night than has been known in many years.

Sister Agnes, the superintendent of the Catholic Orphanage here, tripped over a piece of carpet at the Orphanage yesterday afternoon and fell, breaking her right arm in two places.

The Republican State Committee meets in Greensboro to day to decide upon the time and place for the next State convention.

Profits for the first six months from the Greensboro dispensary are $5,000. Of this, $4,000 goes to the city and $1,000 to the county.

Cape Fear Lodge Installation.

The following officers of Cape Fear Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F., were installed last night to serve for the ensuing term, by D D G. M., W. L. Smith, assisted by Past Grands W. W. Yopp, Frank Meier, W. H. Badon and W. H. Yopp:

S. P. G.—S. Behrends.
P. G.—J. F. Craig.
V. G.—B. F. King.
Secretary—J. T. Riley.
Treasurer—Wm. Goodman.
Warden—A. C. Ezzell.
Conductor—W. W. Yopp.
Chaplain—W. H. Yopp.
R. S. to N. G.—Frank Meier.
L. S. to N. G.—W. B. Clark.
R. S. to V. G.—J. H. Bearman.
L. S. to V. G.—J. D. Kelley.
R. S. S.—W. F. LeGwin.
L. S. S.—F. LaFella.
I. G.—J. M. Holmes.
O. G.—W. G. T. Keen.
O.—J. W. Fleet.

The Arctic Wave.

The cold snap continues. The little sprinkle of snow which fell Sunday night did not have an opportunity to melt yesterday on account of the low temperature that prevailed all day. The Weather Bureau reports show that at 8 o'clock yesterday morning the thermometer was down to 16 degrees. At Charlotte it was down to 8 degrees, at Raleigh 12, at Knoxville 6, and at Atlanta 10. With the exception of Southern Florida, there was freezing weather all over the United States.

Last night was another cold one. At midnight the thermometer registered 26, and by daylight it will probably go several degrees lower.

Warmer weather is predicted for to day.

Obstreperous Negro.

Ed Graham, colored, who drives a country produce cart, raised a disturbance yesterday morning at the store of Mr. E Stokeley, on corner Seventh and Dock streets. He was drunk and disorderly in the store, and when put out of the place the negro assaulted the proprietor with a gun which he was returning to the owner in the city. He was locked up in the station house for a hearing, which will probably be held this morning.

Graham is the same negro who attacked a crowd of negro laborers with a pitchfork in the strawberry field of Mr. C. W. Westbrook, in East Wilmington, last Spring and drove them from their work.

Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral over the remains of the late Walter H. Smaw, who died in Brooklyn. N. Y., several days ago, was held yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the residence of Mr. T. L. Royall, No. 909 Market street. Rev. Milton Barber conducted the services, and there was a large attendance of friends and relatives. The interment was on Wrightsville Sound.

River Improvement.

The government dredge *Ajax* yesterday finished its work in dredging the Wilmington shoal near the two compresses, and it is understood that she will now begin improvement on the mouth of Town Creek, for which rivermen have been anxiously awaiting. The other government dredge is still at work in the Cape Fear.

— The Rev. L. L. Nash, D. D., of Washington, N. C., will preach to-night at the prayer meeting service at Grace M. E. Church.

If you wish to sell a farm or city property place it in the hands of the East Carolina Real Estate Agency. R. G. Grady & Co., Burgaw, N. C. †

N. C. REPUBLICANS.

State Convention to Meet in Raleigh in May—Executive Committee Meet.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—The State Republican Executive Committee met at Greensboro to-day and decided to hold the next State Convention of that party in Raleigh, on May 2nd. Senator Pritchard and Congressman Linney were present at the meeting. Plans for defeating the Constitutional Amendment were discussed.

Dock Street Residence.

A building permit was yesterday issued to contractor L. H. Vollers for the erection of a two-story frame, tin roof residence on Dock, between Sixth and Seventh streets for Mrs. L. Vollers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Entire Change of Specialties.
Matinee Prices, 10 and 20 cents.
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Thanking our customers for their past favors, we shall by satisfactorily supplying their wants, endeavor to merit their continued support.

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NICE AND FRESH
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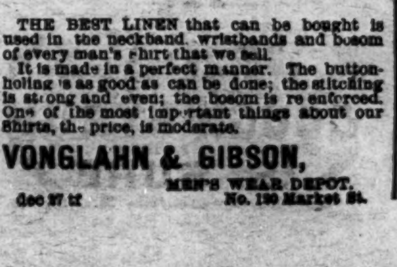

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Solomon's Shoe Store.
We close at 7 except Saturdays. dec 31 tf

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We wish to express our sincere thanks to our customers and assure them of our appreciation of their favors in the past year, and trust our dealings will merit a share of your business for the coming year. We will continue to handle high grade goods, and give close attention to your orders and prompt shipments. And wishing you the "Compliments of the Season,"

We are,
Yours, respectfully,

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WHOLESALE PROVISIONS.
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A DESIRABLE
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28	29	30	31			

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	1	8:52 a.m.	Full Moon	15	2:07 p.m.
First Quarter	8	0:40 a.m.	Third Quarter	23	6:53 p.m.
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 3.

PILING UP THE DEBTS.

There isn't a nation in the world to day that isn't spending more money than it is taking in and adding millions to its present debt. The United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and other European powers, all owe more money than they did twelve months ago, and will owe more twelve months hence than they do now, and there is no telling when this will end, for the nations all seem to be trying to keep up with the most extravagant in the expenditure of money, regardless of the burdens it puts upon the people, who have to pay their debts, if they are ever paid.

But perhaps it would not be fair to charge the rulers of the respective nations with extravagance, for it arises largely from the conditions that confront them and it is to a great extent necessary. Trace it all back and territorial conquest, the greed for more territory, the spirit of grab is responsible for most of it. One nation, Great Britain, for instance, reaches out and when she can find some pretext for appropriating territory she does it. Distant possessions make ships necessary to defend them, and this necessitates a stronger navy. Navies do not now mean what they did a century or half a century ago, for these are days of floating forts of iron and steel which would have been thought impossible a century ago, for then men never dreamed of the possibility of the steel armored ships of this day with their armaments of monster guns throwing projectiles weighing hundreds of pounds further than the best guns of those days could throw an ordinary cannon ball. One of such ships equipped as they now are costs as much as a respectable fleet of the wooden ships of a half century ago would then. Now no one hears of wooden warships, and every nation, even the third and fourth class powers, must have these armored warships, and buy them if they cannot build them.

Great Britain, the greatest naval power in the world, is not only constantly adding to the number of her floating forts, but constantly builds more formidable and expensive ones, and this spurs other nations, which are suspicious of or afraid of Great Britain, to do the same. As each nation adds to its navy so does every other nation that may anticipate conflict with one of these, and thus the navies grow and continue to grow, and the debts to pile up.

So with the armies. One nation increases its standing army and its neighboring nation does likewise, not because it wants to but because it feels compelled to do so in self-defence. For years the armies as well as the navies of the world have been growing until now the nations of Europe have under arms in time of peace more men than they have ever had. These men are non-producers, but they are consumers and they must be fed by the labor and sweat of others.

This may be all necessary now, but would it be necessary if it were not for the spirit of greed and grab which has taken possession of the stronger nations of the earth? No quarter of the world which is not strong enough to offer resistance is safe from them, and they are so land-hungry that they pounce upon even the little islands in the seas which are of little or no use to them and take them in apparently just to prevent some other power from taking them in, as the United States, Great Britain and Germany recently took in Samoa and divided it among themselves when none of them had the shadow of right to do that and when the islands were really worthless save as coaling stations. They have been even planting their flags on newly discovered specks of land in the Arctic and Antarctic regions which produce nothing but fossil remains and icebergs.

Russia crosses the Siberian frontier and worms and screws her way into China and gets a foothold. France, Germany, England do the same because they are fearful of Russia and want to be in a position to watch and checkmate her. Japan stands off in the sea, watches the play and plans to prevent the grabbers from getting the advantage of her and she builds a navy and maintains a large army. Thus we have every nation of the earth arming to take care of itself and prevent its being swindled out of something to which it thinks it has as much right as any of the other thieves.

And the United States, which for more than a century were content to "shinny on their own side," attend to their own business and let the other thieves squabble over the swag, have become infected with the grab disease, which is called "expansion," and have gone into the plundering business, too, which has brought them into contact and possible conflict with the other land grabbers. The consequence is that this country, too, must do as they are doing, add to its war ships and increase its army to about four times its former number, adding millions more to our expenditures and necessitating the expenditure of millions for years to come.

The mania for land-grabbing has taken possession of the nations just as the mania for gold hunting has taken possession of the men of the nations, and the nations will yet find if they have not begun to do so already that land-grabbing doesn't pay and that it is about the most expensive and profitless enterprise the average nation can engage in.

ONE OF THE DRAINS.

We have written heretofore urging the organization of home insurance companies with a view to keeping at home the money that annually goes out of the South, and thus stopping, in part at least, the drain on our money resources. We do not know what the sum that annually goes out would amount to, but judging from the large amount of insurance done and the comparatively small number of home companies, it must be very large. Whatever the sum is, but a small proportion of it comes back. Bearing upon this we clip the following from the Richmond *Times*:

"The Staunton *News*, whose editor was for a long time engaged in the insurance business, says that it has investigated the subject from official sources and finds that on January 1st, 1899, the three big New York life insurance companies had about $45,000,000 invested in the South out of a total of $399,816,000 invested in stocks and bonds.

"The Southern people will learn after a while to rely upon themselves and when they do they will have their own insurance companies and keep all the money at home to be used in developing their industries and promoting business."

This shows more than seven times more money invested in the North than in the South, while it is hardly reasonable to suppose that there is seven times as much insurance there as in the South. But however this may be the Southern people, who are deficient neither in business enterprise nor management, should organize home insurance companies and keep at home the money that annually goes out to enrich others.

OTIS DISCREDITED.

Some time ago Gen. Otis reported that organized opposition in Luzon was practically at an end, that Aguinaldo was a refugee and would soon be captured if he did not escape from the island. For several days his dispatches encouraged the belief that the war, as an organized war, was about over and that there were no Philippine armies left. But since then considerable fighting has been reported, and the dispatches yesterday report some hard fighting, with victory for the Americans, as usual. The victory was to be expected, of course, for all the fights end in victories for our troops, but the surprising thing is, in view of the reports that Gen. Otis has been sending that there should be armed Filipinos enough left to make a hard fight.

In addition to this comes the report of the discovery of a conspiracy in Manila, involving a great many Filipinos. It seems to be of such proportions that a couple thousand more troops are thought necessary, in addition to the three thousand now there, to guard that city. All this is after we had been assured that the war was about over, and that the large majority of the people were anxious for peace. The fact is that with the false reports and censor's pencil we know very little of the actual situation in the Philippines.

Some men reform under great difficulties in New Jersey. At a recent mission meeting in that State a young man who announced that he was a pickpocket and desired to reform was promptly arrested and sentenced to thirty days for disorderly conduct.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run down feeling. But there's no need to feel like that. Listen to J. W. Gardner, Idaville, Ind. He says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he is all run down, and don't care whether he lives or dies. It did more to give me new strength and good appetite than anything I could take. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents, at ROBT. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine, and have the satisfaction of knowing it has absolutely cured thousands of hopeless cases. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs are surely cured by it. Call on R R. BELLAMY, druggist, and get a 10c trial bottle. Regular size 50 cents and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed or price refunded. †

THE INGENIOUS ACTIVITY OF PENSION ATTORNEYS.

There are now on the pension rolls of the Government almost a million names, nearly all of them growing out of a war which closed thirty-five years ago. Reports from the Pension Office announce that there are now pending 25,000 applications for pensions on account of soldiers in the Cuban and Philippine war. And this is but the beginning. It may take the roll in these wars thirty five years to reach the maximum, if the maximum has been reached, which is not yet sure, as it did for the civil war. These 25,000 may be increased many times before the end comes. In this connection the Boston *Transcript* presents some figures showing what the "ingenious activity of the Pension Attorney" has done and may do. It says:

"It is but natural that a war which brought into service so large an army of men who were ill fitted for service and not prepared for fighting in a tropical climate should produce a large pension list. The number of killed in Cuba, Puerto Rico and Manila was only 280, and the wounded numbered 1577. In the war of the Rebellion 110,070 were killed in action or died of wounds, and 200 000 died of disease contracted in service, making a total amounting to about 15½ per cent of the enlistment. The reports of the Adjutant General's Office up to October 3 of last year showed that 29-10 out of the enlistment of 274.717 were killed or died of wounds or disease contracted in the Spanish American war. This being, however, only a trifle over 1 per cent., the large total of pension applications represents the ingenious activity of the pension attorneys or meddlement in official records.

While every man who faithfully served his country and was injured in her service deserves the recompense that the Government makes to her defenders, there is no question that the pension list of the Spanish American war is one calling for the closest scrutiny. To trace death from disease or injuries or exposure in the war is a difficult matter, even when no longer time than one or two years has elapsed. And the pension list will continue to grow. Whatever lack of care one may have shown in the war, the neglect of the simplest sanitary precautions, if he died subsequently, some not over scrupulous pension attorney can be found to push a claim against the Government in behalf of his dependents. Yet when one who has actually died in the service, the meagre pension of the Government is not adequate recompense for the loss of his services. Looked at from either point of view, war is cruel and wasteful and it opens the door to all sorts of evil consequences, foreseen and unforseen, preventable and non preventable.

War is cruel and wasteful, and it breeds a world of corruption and dishonesty, too. But there are people who are coining money by it and others who have schemes to work and they think war is a good thing,

It is said that Mr. McKinley has never seen a play since his inauguration, although all the Washington show houses have put boxes at his disposal. He has had play enough of his own to interest him since he has undertaken the job of running this government and keeping on good terms with Mark Hanna.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Our good friend, the Manila censor informs us that Col. Lockett, with 2.500 men attacked an entrenched Filipino force of 1,000 near San Matoe Wednesday and routed it after a severe conflict lasting three hours and a half. As usual, the "enemy's loss was large," while "four Americans were wounded." This is out-Spanishing the Spaniards. Who believes it?—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— Despite the inveterate crookedness of Native custom house officials at Havana, as shown in the recent arrest of appraisers at the port of the gross revenue from customs duties collections there during the year which closes to-day has exceeded $11,000,000, or about $2,000,000 in excess of the War Department's original estimate of revenue from this source at the capital city. Other ports on the island will probably contribute from $3,000,000 to $4,000,000; so that the Cuban revenue from customs during the 1899 seems likely to exceed $15,000,000. With the island debt practically wiped out by war, the administrative highway to insular prosperity in Cuba should be broad and unobstructed.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Our special cable to-day from Manila brings no good tidings. General Otis' blue pencil has been busily censoring news of the harassing of the entire Lingayan coast by insurgent bands and of the hurrying away of the Yorktown prisoners to the northern mountains. The news can't be so—for General Otis hasn't heard it; and scratch goes the pencil through the dispatch. But just at at this time a force of two hundred insurgents swoops down on a little body of signal corps men and four of the six are killed or captured. Unfortunately General Otis' blue pencil can't undo that disaster. Merchants at Manila are clamoring for the vigorous prosecution of the Cavite campaign, that it may be the more speedily finished and ports opened to trade, and there is a general row over the General's recent civil marriage decree, which makes no provision for those who have married in haste and repented unavailingly. Altogether the news from Manila is of the customary unhappy tenor. Why can't something be done—vigorously and promptly to right affairs all round?—*New York Herald, Ind.*

— Weeks—"I understand your baby has been very sick. Is the worst over?" Meek—"I'm afraid not. His health is all right, but we haven't named him yet."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: The death of Mrs. Nancy Howell, widow of the late Admiral Howell, of the Salem church section of the county, and mother of our townsman Mr. J. D Howell, occurred Sunday night, of paralysis, aged about 67 years.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: A sad tragedy occurred at Wilson Saturday night about 11 o'clock. Mr. W. D. Ruffin, a merchant doing business on Tarboro street, shot Mr. Richard Bullock, another merchant doing business next door. Mr. Bullock died Sunday evening from the wounds. Mr. Ruffin has been under arrest since the shooting.

— Winston *Sentinel*: One day this week a colored woman living in the southern part of Guilford county went over to a neighbor's, leaving a small child alone at home. She also left a fire in an open fireplace, and when she returned she found the charred remains of her child. —— Jim Smith, who was fatally stabbed in the temple by Lem Bennett nine miles west of Danbury, in Stokes county, last Tuesday, died Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock. He never spoke or moved from the moment the keen steel penetrated his brain. Bennett was caught immediately, and now occupies a berth in Danbury jail.

— Raleigh *Post*: Geo. L. Goodwin, a Confederate veteran and an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, died Sunday morning at that institution. The deceased was a member of Company C, Forty seventh regiment, C. S. A. —— Mr. Joseph H. Stockton, one of Salem's well known and enterprising citizens, died at 11.20 Saturday night He was taken ill at 3 o'clock that afternoon, and at 5 o'clock was attacked with a congestive chill; but his condition was not considered serious until 10 o'clock, when a physician was summoned. The chill lasted until he died.

— Greensboro *Telegram*: The *Telegram* learns with sorrow of the death of Mr. W. H. Parks, of Franklinville, which occurred at his home in that village Sunday. Mr. Parks was president of the Randolph Manufacturing Company and was a nephew of Mr. Hugh Parks, an old and well known citizen of Franklinville. —— W. H. Gilbert, the man who got into such an unfortunate entanglement over the sale of the stock of goods of the Winston Hardware Company some time ago, was brought to this city from California by Deputy Marshal Moffit, of San Francisco, and lodged in the Greensboro jail until Monday morning, when he was carried to Winston by Deputy Marshal J. T. Millikan, of this city.

TWINKLINGS.

— Utah believes in punishing polygamists first by a term in the penitentiary and then by a term in Congress.

— Westerner—"Doesn't the New England climate agree with you?" Easterner—"No; it doesn't even agree with the weather predictions."

— Tommy—"Mamma had a lot of things sent home C. O. D to-day. What does C O D mean?" Tommy's Father—"C. O. D. means 'Call on dad.'"—*Philadelphia Record.*

— "Ah!" said the good old lady who was visiting the prisoners; "how your poor wife must weep as she thinks of you here." "Which one, ma'am?" asked the convict addressed: "I'm up for bigamy."—*Philadelphia Record*

— Barber—"Are you for England in this war, sir?" Man in Lather—"Who are you for?" Barber—"What difference does that make, sir?" Man in Lather—"I've got sense enough not to want to argue with a man who has a razor."—*Chicago Record.*

— A hush falls upon the court: "Do you know the prisoner at the bar?" asked the counsel. "When I've got the price, I know everybody at the bar," protests the Colonel, from the witness stand, with dignity. The Colonel, understand, employs the Kentucky dialect.—*Detroit Journal.*

— "Sir," said the irate individual with a wicked look in his eye, as he entered the editorial sanctum of a rural weekly, "I am told you called me a loafer in your last issue." "You have been misinformed," replied the editor, calmly. "We print only the very latest news."

— Sign of Prosperity: Watts—"Well, prosperity is undoubtedly here." Potts—"So? Any sign of it in your case?" Watts—"Yes, indeed, There's a beggar got me on his list who use to strike me for a penny every day. Now he isn't satisfied with anything less than a dime"—*Indianapolis Press.*

A Reversal.

"Nothing makes me so tired," exclaimed Green as he threw aside the weekly humorous paper, "as these jokes about mothers-in-law. Now, there's a mother-in-law in our family who is the dearest, sweetest, best woman on earth. She has done more for me than any other human being, and she's all the world to me."

"Well, you're the first man I ever heard say such things about his mother-in-law."

"Who said anything about my mother-in-law?"

"Oh, she isn't your mother-in-law! Then whose is she?"

"My wife's."—Detroit Free Press.

The Boy and His Father.

Once upon a time there was a boy who had implicit confidence in his father. The boy believed everything his father told him.

In the course of human events the father had occasion to beat the boy with a barrel stave.

"It hurts me more than it hurts you!" protested the father.

And the boy believed his father, and therefore, far from suffering any discomfort, he enjoyed the beating very much.

This fable teaches that boys should always have confidence in their fathers.—Detroit Journal.

Proof.

"You are an adventuress!" hissed Rodrigues, unable to restrain himself longer.

"Fortunately," replied the woman, "I am able to prove that I am not."

Taking from her pocket a large imported cigar, she smoked it rapidly before our hero's astonished gaze.

"Adventuresses invariably smoke cigarettes," she observed quietly, as in the consciousness of reserve power. —Detroit Journal.

A True Chicagoan.

"It is remarkable how loyal to the big town those Chicagoans are. I went to a wedding the other night where a Chicago man was the bridegroom, and right in the midst of the ceremony he suddenly and loudly introduced Chicago's motto."

"What is Chicago's motto?"

"I will."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Invaluable Tip.

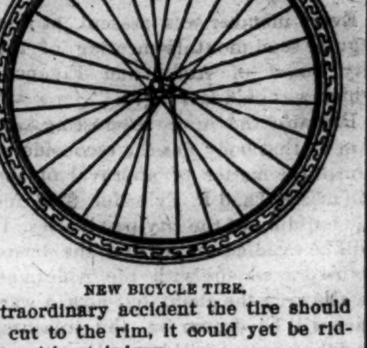
Little Brother — Can't you walk straight, Mr. Mangle?

Mr. Mangle—Of course I can. Why do you ask?

Little Brother—Oh, nothin; only I heard sister say she'd make you walk straight when she married you. And ma said she'd help her.—Collier's Weekly.

THE SPORTING WORLD.

A Brooklynite has devised a new tire for bicycles and other vehicles that combines the pneumatic idea with that of making it uncollapsible. This is achieved by building up the tire with a wall of compressed cork, the air chamber being in the center. The resiliency of the tire is preserved by fitting a separate core or cork along the tread, so that it presses against the air chamber, causing it to yield when under load, but yet protecting it from puncture. There is also a thick tread of solid rubber, and the construction is such that, even if by any extraordinary accident the tire should be cut to the rim, it could yet be ridden without injury.



NEW BICYCLE TIRE.

The accompanying cut illustrates the new tire for bicycles and vehicles on which letters patent were recently issued to Robert P. Chesney. This particular tire consists of a succession of spring loop cushions, which act individually in cushioning the wheel. The backs of the loops are arc shaped and of more abrupt curvature than the hands to which they are centrally secured. As the back of each loop thus stands away from the band directly at each side of the securing rivet, it has, when compressing, a rocker action on the band, the effect of which is a gradual and easy compensation.

New Stirrup For Equestriennes.

A new stirrup has just been devised for lady riders in England which is meeting with pronounced success over there, both in the hunting field and in road riding. Its nature is something similar to the old leather stirrup used by children, which prevents the foot being shoved home. It is made of metal and has the appearance of a small cage. Those who have found it serviceable argue that when the stirrup touches the instep and is not too short the rider has no power to press the knee upward under the crutch and so to secure the strongest seat possible on a sidesaddle. Of course, it is inexpedient for a horsewoman to thrust her foot home in the stirrup. In this new stirrup the ball of the foot is forced to remain on the tread, and there is hence room for two or three inches of ankle play. This is a great advantage. Male riders are aware of this, because they know that if they adjust their stirrups to ride with the ball of the foot the stirrups are too long if the foot be thrust home. The new device has the after edge of the tread slightly turned up, so as to prevent the foot slipping about. It is practically impossible for any rider to be hung up in this stirrup, because the foot cannot by any means become locked in it. When riding with the ordinary stirrup, it is impossible sometimes for the fair rider to prevent her foot from getting home, which not only weakens her seat, but presents a constant danger to her.

Laying Out Golf Courses.

In the organization of golf clubs, which is now going on apace all over the country, the course selected is the most important part of the whole arrangement, says the Philadelphia Times. It is not necessary to purchase expensive grounds for a golf course. Some claim today that the tendency of the constructors of golf links is to make them too artificial. This is not desirable, for the game is intended to be played where nature has been most prodigal in her distribution of irregularities of landscape objects. Waste land, with a good turf, a few sand pits, and some hedges, ditches or woods are all that a club needs for making an ideal course. Every course must have some artificial improvement, but the less that is required in this way the better will the links prove. The elaborate construction of holes, bunkers, woods and other difficulties may be essential on city links, where the grounds are poorly adapted to golf in the beginning, but in country clubs this work and expense would be all a waste of time and money. A permanent golf course can be ornamented with the planting of trees and shrubbery, but unless the organization owns the ground and wishes to make the course beautiful for all time it will not pay to do even this.

A Tip About Toeclips.

If you ride with toeclips, do not ride with them turned down under any circumstances, as they may strike in some obstruction and, catching, give you a bad fall. When they are hanging down, they almost touch the ground, and even small obstructions are likely to catch them.

Better Than Battleships.

The cost of a first class battleship would build 2,000 miles of the best macadam road. If congress would appropriate such a sum for the purpose, a national road from Boston to Denver could be built.

Low Shoes For Cycling.

Low shoes are better for riding than those with high uppers, unless the wearer has weak ankles. The low variety gives more freedom of action and consequently more pleasurable riding.

How to Grill Trout.

Score the fish with cuts through the skin about an eighth of an inch apart. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and moisten with melted butter. Heat the gridiron, rub it over with butter or salad oil, lay on the fish and grill for about ten minutes over a quick fire. Baste occasionally with melted butter, turn once or twice to brown both sides, and when cooked lift carefully and slip on to a hot dish. A paste brush is the best thing for treating the fish to a basting of butter.

How to Make Savory Canapes.

Bone and shred two sardines, three anchovies, six oysters and a few shrimps. Cut a small head of celery very fine and pound a shallot and mix it with some cress and the fish. Pour a little mayonnaise sauce over all. Fill some brioche cases with the mixture and run a little butter round the edges. Garnish with some lobster coral and a hard boiled egg chopped fine, put on the top of each, with some aspic jelly, roughened with a fork, round the canapes.

How to Clean Diamonds.

The stones should first be washed in warm water and yellow soapsuds with a small but not too hard brush. Rinse and dry them carefully with a soft cloth or silk handkerchief and put them into a box containing boxwood dust. Move them about in this for some time until they seem perfectly dry, free them from the powder and polish with tissue paper.

DESPAIR OF HOPE ALL YE WHO ENTER HERE

The door that Dante saw had this inscription over it: "Despair of hope, all ye who enter here." When man despairs of hope he drains the very dregs of despair.

There are certain forms of disease to which medical ignorance and popular superstition have given the title of "Hopeless." That very fact handicaps the sufferers from such diseases by robbing them of the courage to try to regain health. This is particularly true of lung diseases. As soon as disease fastens on the lungs, the victim sits down, makes his will, and awaits his fate. He wouldn't act that way if he were bitten by a tarantula or a rattlesnake. He'd fight then for his life. But he is under the influence of the ignorant and superstitious, that write "Despair of hope" over the door of such diseases as by neglect or unskillful treatment may end fatally in consumption.

There is a new inscription for that doorway of disease, made by rubbing out the first two words and leaving it: "Hope all ye who enter here." What! Can there be hope for the sufferer with the constant cough, flushed face, burdened breathing and emaciated body? The record says "yes." Ninety-eight out of every hundred cases in which Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has been used have been permantly cured. "Golden Medical Discovery" positively cures weak lungs, bronchitis, obstinate lingering cough, bleeding of the lungs and kindred ailments, which, if neglected, find a fatal ending in consumption. It contains no alcohol, whisky or other stimulant.

"Your medicine is the best I have ever taken," writes Mrs. Jennie Dingman of Vanburen, Kalkaska Co., Mich. "Last spring I had a bad cough; got so bad I had to be in bed all the time. My husband thought I had consumption. He wanted me to get a doctor, but I told him if it was consumption they could not help me. We thought we would try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and before I had taken one bottle the cough stopped and I have since had no signs of its returning."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are the best for the bowels. Use them with the "Discovery."

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—15 bales cotton, 2 barrels spirits turpentine, 6 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—51 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 88 barrels rosin, 38 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—42 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 65 barrels rosin, 1 barrel tar.

C. C. Railroad—338 bales cotton.

Total—Cotton, 446 bales; spirits turpentine, 20 casks; rosin, 153 barrels; tar, 45 barrels.

Why the Sky Is Blue.

The explanation of the blue color of the sky, as given by A. H. Thiessen, is that as the observer looks into space his line is intercepted by a multitude of particles of dust floating in the air. The reason these particles appear to be blue is that they reflect to the eye the blue rays against which they form an effective barrier, while the red or coarser waved rays pass on. That the dust reflects back only the blue rays is due to their microscopic size. The finer the dust the purer is the blue which is reflected or scattered. The bluest skies, therefore, are seen in places where the dust particles are smallest. The blue of the sky, as viewed from the tops of mountains, is deeper and purer than that seen from a lower altitude. This is due to the fact that the air is very rare at great heights and can only sustain the finer particles of dust, while the coarser particles abound in the lower levels. The intensity of the blue sky for which Italy is noted is not owing to the existence of finer dust than in northern countries, but to the fact that in the northern latitudes, in consequence of the greater coolness of the air, the vapor more readily condenses upon the dust particles. These particles thus become larger and less effective in turning back the blue rays alone. It follows that other rays are reflected, and a grayish effect is produced. When the sky forms a background for white cumulus clouds, it appears to be bluer by the contrast than it otherwise would, and after a shower, when the lower stratum of air is washed of its coarse dust particles, the result is a deeper and purer blue. The reason the reds are prominent at sunset is that then the dust particles are between the sun and the observer, and the blues are reflected away from him, while the reds pass unobstructed to his eye.

Not Like the Admiral.

Hardacre—They say that big cabbage at the fair is the biggest ever raised in the state.

Crawfoot—Yes, and they wanted to call it Dewey, but somebody raised an objection.

Hardacre—What fur?

Crawfoot—Said a big head didn't sound well with the name Dewey.—Chicago News.

Baldness Can be Cured

just so long as there is a particle of vitality left in the hair roots. The fact that the head is smooth and shining is no positive proof that the roots beneath are dead

Deep down beneath the skin, hair roots may yet exist, filled with latent vitality, and all that is required to develop them into a beautiful head of hair is the faithful application of the proper agents.

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preparations furnish the easiest, surest and quickest way to ascertain if there is or is not latent life beneath a head bare of hair. Why not try them?

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS.

STATEMENT.

The Murchison National Bank.

DECEMBER 30, 1899.

Loans and discounts	$304 869 89
U. S. bonds	112 000 00
Premiums	9 840.00
Other bonds	2.000 00
Office furniture	750 00
Revenue stamps	468.12
Five per cent. redemption fund	2,700.00
Cash on hand and in banks	191,526 74
	$624,154.45
Capital stock	$200 000 00
Profit less expense	15 434.20
Circulation	14 000 00
Deposits	394 720 25
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Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of N J Burch, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of December, A D, 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment

T. E. WALLACE, Executor.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 2

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 50 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 49½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 15 per barrel for strained and $1 20 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1 25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.90 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 43¼@43¾c; rosin firm at 97½c@$1.02½; tar firm at $1.10; crude turpentine firm at $1.30 @2.30, $2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	20
Rosin	153
Tar	45
Crude turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year.—52 casks spirits turpentine, 277 bbls rosin, 262 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 13-16 cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	6⅜ " "
Low middling	6 13-16 " "
Middling	7¼ " "
Good middling	7⅝ " "

Same day last year middling 5⅜c.

Receipts—446 bales; same day last year, 85.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 85c. Extra prime, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, $1 05. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm; 52 to 52½ cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Money on call was firm at 3@10 per cent., last loan at 3 per cent., ruling rate 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm; actual business in bankers' bills at 487¼@487½ for demand and 482¼@482½ for sixty days. Posted rates were 483 and 488½. Commercial bills 481@481½. Silver certificates 58⅝@59½. Bar silver 58⅞. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U.S 2's, reg'd, 102½ ex int; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 100½; do. coupon, 110½; U.S. new 4's, reg'd, 133¼; do. coupon 133½; U. S old 4's, reg'd. 114; do. coupon, ex int. 114; U. S. 5's, registered, 112¼; do. coupon, 112¼; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, ex int. 106; So'n R'y 5's ex int 107. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 58¼; Chesapeake & Ohio 31¼; Manhattan L 98; N. Y. Central 132¾; Reading 18¾; do. 1st preferred 54; St. Paul 119¼; do preferred 172½; Southern Railway 11⅞; do. preferred 55½; American Tobacco, 102¾; do. preferred 135; People's Gas 106¼; Sugar 133¼; do. preferred 113½: T. C. & Iron 87; U. S. Leather 18¾; do. preferred 76½; Western Union 85½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine firm at 52@52½c.

CHARLESTON, January 2.—Spirits turpentine firm at 47½c; sales — casks; no receipts. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, January 2.—Spirits turpentine firm at 50c; sales 784 casks; receipts 377 casks; exports 175 casks. Rosin firm; sales 938 barrels; receipts 2,797 barrels; exports 7,197 barrels. Prices unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 2.—The cotton market made very encouraging advances at the opening, but later lost most of the gain under sheer absence of bull speculation and active Wall street selling. Strong Liverpool cables and reports that the South was even firmer than on Friday sent room shorts to cover, and their demand, in connection with very heavy purchases for Liverpool account, sent the active options up one to five points. Trading for a time was very active and general. Wall street commission houses sold for profits, while business from the crop centre went almost exclusively to the bull side. A rapid decline at Liverpool led to a halt in buying here and a subsequent hurried disposition of cotton purchased on call. Our market was better supported than the Liverpool market and did not break as badly as the latter. The sudden turn abroad was held to be entirely due to enormous liquidation for the purpose of undoing straddles." The buying here for the other side would seem to confirm this statement. Receipts were extremely light, the statistical situation in general was bullish, offerings of spot cotton small and crop estimates were reduced. The market closed barely steady with prices eight points higher to four points lower, the latter on new crop positions only.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 7¾c.

Futures closed barely steady: January 7.41, February 7.46, March 7.46, April 7.49, May 7.51, June 7 51, July 7.54, August 7.50, September 7.02, October 6.91, November 6 87.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 1 16c higher; middling uplands 7¾c; middling gulf 8c; sales 1,800 bales.

Net receipts 2,131 bales; gross receipts 6,777 bales; exports to Great Britain 5,002 bales; exports to the Continent 1,148 bales; stock 116,657 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 17,996 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,446 bales; exports to France 11,345 bales; exports to the Continent 12,564 bales; stock 1,072,991 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 56,497 bales; exports to Great Britain 19,767 bales; exports to France 11,345 bales; exports to the Continent 45,487 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 3,393,160 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,012,134 bales; exports to France 428,809 bales; exports to the Continent 1,140,683 bales.

January 2.—Galveston, holiday, net receipts — 3,626 bales; Norfolk, firm at 7¾c, net receipts 1,243 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7¾c, net receipts 2,218 bales; Boston, holiday, net receipts 724 bales; Wilmington, holiday, net receipts — bales; Philadelphia, firm at 8c, receipts 131 bales; Savannah, quiet at 7 7-16c, net receipts 2,629 bales; New Orleans, steady 7 7-16c, net receipts 3,080 bales; Mobile, firm at 7 7-16, net receipts 636 bales; Memphis, firm at 7 7 16c, net receipts 217 bales; Augusta, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 641 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7¼c, net receipts 432 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Flour was held above buyers' views, although there was more disposition to take hold near the close owing to the strength in wheat. Minnesota patents $3 85@4 10. Wheat—Spot firm; No 2 red 75⅝c; options opened firmer at ½c advance on higher cables and the strength in provisions. Later the market was influenced by liberal decreases in the English visible supply, higher provision prices and light offerings, so that after advancing all the afternoon the close was strong at ⅜@⅝c net advance. The sales to-day included: March closed 76⅛c; May closed 75⅝c; July closed 75⅝c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 40⅞c; options opened firm at ¼c advance and at the very start was carried up by the strength of wheat, provisions and cables, and the visible supply decrease, closing firm at ¼c net advance; the sales included: January closed 39c; May closed 39¼c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 29@29½c; options quiet. Lard quiet; refined stronger. Pork firmer; mess $10 25@10 27½. Butter strong; Western creamery 23@29c; State dairy 20@27. Cheese firm; fall made fancy small 12¾@13c; fall made, fancy large 12¾@13. Petroleum steady; New York $9 90; Philadelphia and Baltimore $9 85; do in bulk $7 20. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 25d. Potatoes steady; New Jersey $1 25@1 75. New York $1 50@1 75; Long Island $1 50 @2 00;; Jersey sweets $2 25@3 00 Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra 4@6¾c; Japan 4¾@5c Cabbage steady; Long Island $4 00@6 00 per hundred. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania 24@25c; Western ungraded at mark 15@22c; Western 24c, loss off. Tallow firm; city 5c; country 4¾@5c. Molasses firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice 32@40c. Coffee—Spot Rio firmer; No. 7 invoice 7⅞c; No. 7 jobbing 7⅝c; mild firmer; Cordova 8@12¼c. Sugar—Raw firm and held higher; fair refining 3 13-16c; centrifugal 96 test 4⅜c bid; molasses sugar 3 9 16c; refined steady: prices revised to actual selling basis, rebates being discarded.

CHICAGO, January 2.—The firmness of Liverpool and improved cash demand, and the decrease in the visible, with the sharp advance in provisions were a combination of bullish influences in the wheat market to-day, May closing strong up ⅜@½c over Saturday. Corn closed ⅛c and oats ⅛@¼c higher. Light hog receipts and better prices at the yards were strong support to the provision market, May pork closing 32½, May lard 17½ and May ribs 17½@20c over Saturday.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Cash quotations: Flour firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring—; No. 3 spring 62½@65½c; No. 2 red 68@69c. Corn—No. 2, 31¼c. Oats—No. 2 22¼c; No. 2 white 25@25¼c; No. 3 white 24¾@25c. Pork, per barrel, $9 20@10 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 60@5 82½. Short rib sides, loose, $5 45@5 75 Dry salted shoulders, $5 00@5 75 Short clear sides, boxed, $5 70@5 80. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 23½

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 January 66¼, 66¾, 66¼, 66¾c; May 69⅛@69⅜, 70⅛@70⅜, 69½, 70⅛c; July 70⅛, 70¾, 70, 70⅛c. Corn—No. 2 January 30¼@30⅜, 30⅞, 30½, 30⅞; May 32⅞ @33, 33⅜, 3⅞, 32⅞@22⅞; July 33¼, 34, 33¼, 34c. Oats—January 21⅜, 22, 21¾, 22c; May 23⅞, 24@24⅛, 23⅞, 24 @24⅛c. Pork, per bbl—January $10 25, 10 52½, 10 25, 10 47½: May $10 60, 10 87½, 10 60, 10 77½ Lard, per 100 lbs—January $5 70, 5 87½, 5 70, 5 82½; May $5 90, 6 02½, 5 50, 6 00 Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $5 55, 5 62½, 5 55, 5 57½; May $5 60, 5 75, 5 60, 5 72½.

BALTIMORE, January 2.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat firmer—spot and month 71@71¼c; February 72⅜ @72½c; May 71½c; Southern wheat by sample 67@72c. Corn firmer—Spot and month 37⅜@37½c; March 37¾@38c; Southern white 35⅜@37½c. Oats more active—No. 2 white 30¼ @30½c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, January 2, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Fair demand; prices 1 16d higher; American middling fair, 4 13-16d; good middling 4⅝d; middling 4 9-16d; low middling 4 13 32d; good ordinary 4 7-32d; ordinary 4 1 32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 9,100 American. Receipts since last report 35,000 bales, including 11,100 American.

Futures opened firm and closed barely steady at the advance. American middling (l. m. c.)—January 4 22 64@4 23 64d seller; January and February 4 20 64d seller; February and March 4 16 64@4 17 64d seller; March and April 4 14-64d value; April and May 4 11 64@4 12 64d seller; May and June 4 9 64d seller; June and July 4 7 64d seller; July and August 4 5 64@4 6 64d seller; August and September 4 1 64d seller; September and October 3 55-64@3 56 64d value; October and November 3 49-64d value.

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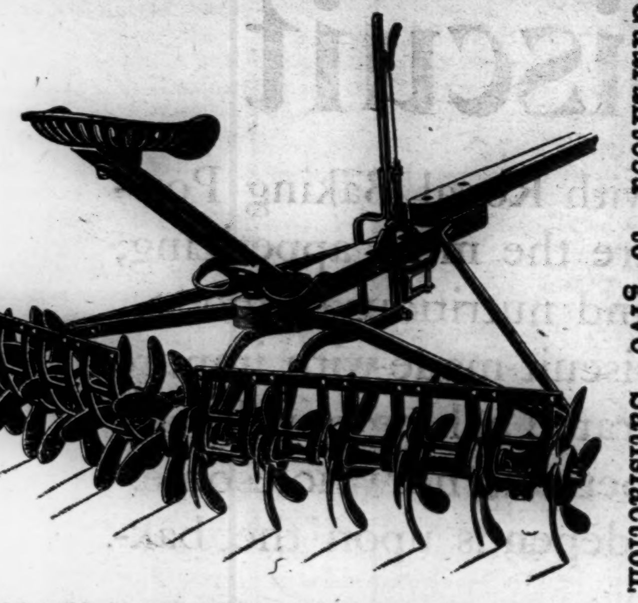

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Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9:05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:58 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

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Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

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Remunerative Information Which Two Englishmen Extracted.

Much public interest was aroused during August, 1895, by the announcement of the award by the Smithsonian institution of the Hodgkins prize of $10,000 to Lord Rayleigh and Professor William Ramsay for their remarkable discovery of a new element—argon—in the atmosphere. From time to time bequests have been made for the institution, but for the most part these have been comparatively small. In 1891, however, Thomas G. Hodgkins of Setauket, N. Y., expressed his desire to donate $200,000 to the Smithsonian fund. The regents accepted the sum, with the single condition made by the donor "that the income of $100,000 of the gift shall be used, under this general purpose, for the especial one of the increase and diffusion of knowledge by investigating and spreading knowledge concerning all the phenomena of atmospheric air."

In accordance with this provision early in 1894 a circular was issued offering "a prize of $10,000 for a treatise embodying some new and important discovery in regard to the nature or properties of atmospheric air." The first award of this prize was made as mentioned above. Two grants of money were previously made from this fund to aid in the prosecution of special investigations on air, one of which is being carried on in Germany and the other in the United States.

Meanwhile, in November, 1892, Mr. Hodgkins died at the advanced age of 89 years and made the Smithsonian institution his residuary legatee. In consequence a further sum of money was added to the Smithsonian fund, and the total amount of the permanent fund now on deposit in the United States treasury is $911,000, on which sum an annual interest of 6 per cent is paid to the institution for the carrying out of its special aims. It is curious to note that Hodgkins, like Smithson, was an Englishman, and, again like Smithson, he was a student of science.

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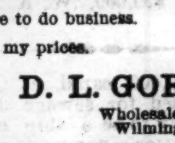

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At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 858,971.54
Overdrafts		8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 79 160 28	
Due from other banks	169 160.99	
Cash on hand	79,331.51	327,612 78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		101,784.40
Circulation		41,040.00
Deposit U. S. Treas	$ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks	207 693 55	
Deposits from individuals	731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	1,021,408.71
Total		$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,021,000
Surplus and net profit	76.200	87,500	101,784

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A Farm of 350 acres four miles from Greenville, one mile from House station on the Atlantic Coast Line. One hundred and eighty-five acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation. One nice two-story dwelling with six rooms. One cook room and kitchen. One office. One set two-story stables with eight stalls. Two barns. Two tobacco barns. One 16-horse power engine, gin house, gin, press, etc. All necessary machinery attached. All kinds of farming implements, including wagons, carts, tools, etc. Also, four mules and one horse. Will sell all together or the land separate.

Farm of 143 Acres

in Long Creek village. Pender county—35 acres cleared, balance well timbered. Four acres in strawberries, 2 acres in apple trees. Fine grape vine. Large two-story house. One good New Store House. All necessary out houses. Two tenant houses. Two miles from Montague, a station on Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad; sixteen miles from Wilmington. Fertile land, in a high state of cultivation. A bargain for somebody.

2,000 Acres of Land

in New Hanover county on navigable stream; borders tide water. Three clearings on place—one of 25 acres with house and outbuildings on same; two of 20 acres each; balance well timbered. Twelve miles from Wilmington. Four miles from Castle Hayne, a station on the W. & W. R. R. The nearest point of the land to the Newbern railroad is two miles.

House in Kenansville.

One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

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Four good Building Lots in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-half acre each.

One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, fronting railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary out buildings. A nice desirable six-room residence. Farm contains 100 acres.

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Containing 265 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheep and cattle. Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lot of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns. Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A nice orchard of 500 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

A Real Bargain.

A desirable farm of 272 acres, three miles east of Rose Hill. Fifty acres cleared and in good state of cultivation; balance well timbered. Four-room house on premises. In good neighborhood. Will exchange for desirable house and lot in Wilmington.

Farm Near Ashton.

One hundred and fifty acres two miles from Ashton, four miles from Burgaw. Four acres cleared, most of which is very fertile low land. Balance well timbered for farming purposes. Two tenant houses.

For terms, &c., address,
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ATLANTIC & YADKIN RAILWAY.

Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53
6 50 p m	Ar......Wilmington......Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv......Fayetteville......Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar......Fayetteville......Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv......Sanford......Lv	1 48 p m
12 42 p m	Lv......Climax......Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar......Greensboro......Lv	4 25 p m
11 07 a m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	5 12 p m
10 36 a m	Lv......Walnut Cove......Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv......Rural Hall......Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Ar......Mt. Airy......Lv	7 38 p m
South Bound Daily No. 64.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 65.
8 00 a m	Lv......Bennettsville......Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv......Maxton......Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv......Red Springs......Lv	5 35 p m
10 20 a m	Lv......Hope Mills......Lv	4 52 p m
10 40 a m	Ar......Fayetteville......Lv	4 33 p m
No. 46		No. 47.
South Bound Mixed Daily ex Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.
5 30 p m	Ar......Ramseur......Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv......Climax......Lv	8 35 a m
2 40 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Lv......Greensboro......Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv......Stokesdale......Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv......Madison......Lv	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

J. R. KENLY, General Manager.
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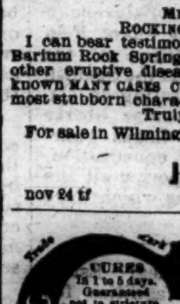

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule in Effect Nov. 19, 1899.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.10 A. M., Warsaw 11.53 A. M., Goldsboro 12.36 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.32 P. M., Petersburg 6.21 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.30 P. M., Baltimore 1.00 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.20 P. M., Warsaw 8.33 P. M., Goldsboro 9.27 P. M., Wilson 10.20 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M., Weldon 1.00 A. M., †Norfolk 10.25 A. M., Petersburg 2.35 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.23 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M., New York 1.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.55 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M., Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M., Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.20 P. M., Denmark 6.19 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M., Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.05 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.12 P. M., leaves Fayetteville 12.25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.03 P. M., New York *9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.53 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.21 P. M., Warsaw 4.12 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., Washington 3.06 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 8.58 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.55 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.25 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.15 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston *6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.50 A. M., Marion 10.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.34 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.08 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. — Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

*Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.20 A. M., Red Springs 9.53 A. M., Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.06 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.08 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9.30 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.00 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Nashville 11.22 A. M.; 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.09 A. M., arrive Latta 10.24 A. M., Dillon 10.36 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.20 P. M., Latta 6.35 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 3.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.20 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 3.13 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M., 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M.; 5.55 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.18 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.20 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.08 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M., Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.40 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.25 P. M.; arrive Selma 2.49 P. M., 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.35 P. M., 1.21 5 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M., returning leave Rowland 10.54 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.45 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M., Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.53 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M., arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 10.35 A. M., and arrive Lucknow 12.15 P. M. Returning, leave Lucknow 2.10 P. M., arrive Elliott 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.
J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 9.

To Take Effect Tuesday, Aug. 8, 1899, at 9 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains		STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro........	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston........	10 18	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern........	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

aug 6 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

Dr. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

A Happy
and Prosperous New Year

For each and every one of my Customers and Friends.

Thanking you for your patronage in the past, and desiring a continuance of the same,

I remain,
Yours, sincerely,

A. D. BROWN.

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Welcome the New Year

with feasting and good cheer. If you intend receiving New Year's calls you will want to lay on your table the choicest that the market affords in all the relishes, Tinned and Potted Meats. Fish. Pickles. Cheese and Dressed Poultry, which we have furnished

especially for the holiday season.

THE KING GROCERY CO.,
B. F. KING, Manager.

'Phone 337. Fourth Street Bridge.
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*****SPECIALS OFFERED.

Taylor's Bazaar, 118 Market street.

A Ladies' Dollar Kid Glove, in white, black or tan, with two clasps, only 75c per pair.
Ten Dozen Ladies' Hats, stitched brim and Tam O'Shanta crown, with quill, only 50c.
Long Quills, all colors, only 5c.
Five dozen Trimmed black Felt Alpines 25c.
Rough Brim Straw Sailors, Trimmed ready to wear, 25c.
200 Capes in all styles, in price upward from $1.00.
Ten dozen Ladies' Muslin Gowns, with tucks, full size and nicely made, only 50c.

Just received a new lot of

Trimmed Millinery.

DON'T FORGET our new Toy Department at 108 Market street.

Taylor's Bazaar.

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"THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST CO."

has paid $22,125.20 in interest to depositors within the last year. DID YOU GET ANY OF IT? If not, make a deposit in

THIS BANK, THE STRONGEST SAVINGS BANK IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Depositors are requested to present their books to have interest entered for quarter ending December 1st, 1899.

J. W. NORWOOD, PRESIDENT. H. WALTERS, VICE-PRESIDENT.
dec 6 tf JAS. S. WORTH, ACTING CASHIER.

Well, Christmas is Coming, and
I Am Glad of It, Says the School Girl.

My father and mother go to town before then, and I shall put in my wants and tell them where I would go and get the nice things.

My mamma has promised to buy me a nice Cloak, and I have seen one that came from the Racket at $2 48, just like the one I want, and a Fur Collarette at $1.75 and $2 00. Some very nice ones at $4 00 and $5.00, with the Capes and Fur and Heads and Tails on it. And if my mamma will, I shall ask her to buy me some good everyday Dress Goods. Nice pretty patterns in them. Plaid remnants in 10 to 20 yard pieces at 6c. A nice new one-half Wool Dress Goods, Rough Finish, at 12½c and 15c. A splendid Plaid, bright and pretty, at 29c.

Well, my School Shoes are wearing out, and they have worn well. My papa bought them at the Racket, and I will have him to get me a pair of Goodman's best Solid Leather, Fine Shoes at Gaylord's for $1.00 a pair. My School Shoes, solid and good, he can get at 85c; and the run is large sizes, from 3's to 6's.

Look here, miss, you shan't have it all. How about that Suit I am to have at $1.50 or $2.00; and a pair of those Double-Seated Pants at 50c; and a good Cap from 10c, 15c to 25c.

Well, I want some good Undershirts and Pants. I am going to get him to bring me some of those 29c Shirts that are worth 50c. A nice Laundered Shirt at 25c. A Union Suit, a good one, at 25c; and a pair of fine Shoes at 75c or $1.00. Do you know it don't take much money to fit me up, as I do not have any fandangles. There is where you win; they do not cost much when you buy them at the right place.

Big miss, you shan't have it all. My papa says he is going to buy his baby a nice long Cloak at 75c, a pretty trimmed Hat, trimmed up to suit baby. Nice pretty styles at 75c, and a beautiful Silk baby Cap at 25c. And those little soft Christmas Shoes, laced up with red strings for 25c; Fur all around the top for 35c and 50c. And the nicest little soft warm baby Mitts at 5c.

Do you think papa can buy half of the things we want? Well, yes; they won't cost much. And he and mamma need some good Winter Clothing. I know where he trades, because he always does buy reliable, honest Goods, and gets them cheap at the Big Racket.

My mamma says she is going to buy a Carpet for her front room and her parlors, and says she can buy a good Ingrain Carpet at 29c, and good Brussels Carpet at 45c; a good Hemp Carpet for the dining room at 18c; a nice Matting for her spare room at 18c and 20c; and some Shades at 10c and 25c. Some Lace Curtains for the parlor at 98c a pair. And some nice Silkaline for a Lamberquin at 8c. And, just think, after buying these goods so cheap, the Racket Store man will give my mamma a real nice, large Willow Rocking Chair for a $25.00 purchase, a set of fine China, six Cups, six Saucers, six Plates and one large Bowl for a $25.00 purchase.

They Have About Twenty-five People Pushing Out Daily at Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

GEO. O. GAYLORD, PROP.

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$600 Worth . . .

of Drummers' Millinery Samples on sale at

THE LOT CONSISTS OF

THE BEE HIVE.

All kinds of Hats, Plumes, Tips, Feathers, Ornaments, Infants' Caps, &c. We Bought them very much below regular value, and we are selling them wonderfully cheap. You are invited to come and look over the lot and make selections. If you look you will buy at THE BEE HIVE, W. H. GAYLORD, Prop.

JUST OPENED UP, EVERYTHING NEW.

W. H. GAYLORD'S New Clothing Department is the place to go to get anything that Men or Boys wear. We have just gotten in a fine new line of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Shirts, Neckwear, Underwear, McIntoshes, Umbrellas, &c.

Give us a call. We are at No. 115 South Front street, two doors from The Bee Hive.

W. H. GAYLORD.

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SERIES NO. 9

Mechanics' Home Association.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE ORDERED
SERIES NINETEEN TO BE ISSUED.

Payments will begin on Saturday 6th January, 1900. This Association is one of the largest and most successful in the State; controlling ample capital we are always able to accommodate our stockholders.

Subscription list is now open at the office of

NATHL. JACOBI, President.
W. M. CUMMING, Secretary.

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The Morning Star.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 3.

COTTON MANUFACTURING.

Prospects for New Mill Construction This Year—Number of Spindles Now in Operation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 2.—In an interview with an Associated Press reporter, Mr. D. A. Tompkins, the well known cotton mill expert, takes a most encouraging view of textile conditions in the South. In reply to a question as to the prospects of new mill construction in 1900, Mr. Tompkins replied that expectations in this line will be fully met. "The machine manufacturers in the United States," said Mr. Tompkins, "can make 2,500,000 spindles a year. That is the extent of their output. The new mills to be built in 1900 will require 2 000,000 spindles for their equipment, so that the mill construction this year will be very nearly equal to the capacity of the machine plants to turn out spindles."

Continuing, Mr. Tompkins said: "New England has 13,000,000 spindles of which 7,000,000 are located in Massachusetts. There are now 5,000,000 in the South. At the end of 1900, the South will have 7,000,000 spindles, and New England will still have 13,000,000. In Massachusetts, new spindles are being put in on fine stuff only, while the old ones are being discontinued on coarse stuff.

Old England has 46 000,000 spindles now; the South 5,000,000; the United States, including the Middle States 20,000,000. At the rate of 2,000,000 new spindles a year, the present rate of increase, ten years from now the United States would have about the same number of spindles as England. Of these New England and the Middle States would probably have 20,000,000, all on fine goods and the South 25 000 000. In other words the United States in 1910 will have as many spindles as England, and the South will have more spindles than New England and the rest of the United States combined."

Mr. Tompkins says there is not the slightest fear of over production if we properly develop our market opportunities. The Orient, he says, might be developed to take the product of 10,000 000 spindles in ten years, over and above the present production. Just how remote is the possibility of over-production is manifest from the fact that it will require one hundred million spindles to manufacture the cotton crop of the world into the average grade of cloth, and it has been shown there are about 20,000,000 spindles in the United States and 5,000,000 in the South.

THE CASE OF ROBERTS.

Committee Report Will Recommend That the Utah Representative Be Excluded from the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 2—The report of the committee of the House of Representatives which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts, of Utah, will be made soon after Congress re-assembles, and there is reason to believe the majority report will recommend that Roberts be excluded from the House and that he be not permitted under his credentials to exercise any prima facie right of being sworn in. Whether the report will be unanimous is open to doubt as three of the members of the committee are not counted on as positively favorable to the course indicated, and this may result in the submission of a minority report. The minority view, if submitted, will probably recognize the prima facie right to be sworn in on credentials which are regular, and will recommend that Roberts be sworn in and thereafter expelled.

The committee will resume its hearings on Thursday at 11 o'clock. The testimony is closed, however, Chairman Tayler (Ohio) having heard that the remaining witnesses in Utah will not come on. It is expected therefore that Thursday will be given to Mr. Roberts for his argument. A vote is likely to follow the latter part of the week.

EMINENTLY SUCCESSFUL.

Negotiations by United States for a Continued Open Door Policy in China.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—The session of the cabinet to day was brief, but it was the occasion of the important announcement by Secretary of State Hay that the negotiations with the great Powers of Europe and Japan to secure a common understanding for a continued "open door" policy throughout China have been eminently successful, and that favorable responses had been received from Great Britain, Germany, France, Russia and Japan. The only country addressed which has not yet responded is Italy, and a favorable answer is also expected from her.

Secretary Hay's statement to the cabinet fully confirms the information in the Associated Press dispatches from this city last Saturday. The announcement of the success was extremely gratifying to the President and cabinet, as it insures to the United States a full share in the future development of commerce with the great empire of China.

HANGED FOR MURDER.

Negro Who Killed a Prominent Citizen of Dinwiddie County, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK VA., Jan. 2.—Julius Robinson, colored, was hanged to day at Dinwiddie court house for murdering W. M. Jolly, a merchant and prominent citizen, in November last. He was taken from Petersburg to the scene of the hanging on a train and was the coolest man in the crowd. He made a speech on the gallows, warning young colored men against drinking whiskey and carrying pistols. It was the third hanging in Virginia on a day other than Friday.

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BRITISH CLAIM ANOTHER VICTORY

Colonel Pilcher's Force Attacks and Defeats the Boers Near Orange River.

WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

An Achievement of Colonial Troops—Boers' Laager Captured With Forty Prisoners—British Loss Two Killed and Three Wounded.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The War Office has received the following from Cape Town, under to day's date:

"Colonel Pilcher reports through the officer commanding at the Orange river:

"I have completely defeated the hostile command at the Sunnyside laager, this day, January 1, taking the laager and forty prisoners besides the killed and wounded. Our casualties are two privates killed and Lieutenant Adie wounded. Am encamped at Dover Farm twenty miles northwest of Belmont and ten miles from Sunnyside.

BELMONT, CAPE COLONY, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from the Associated Press at Dover farm, dated January 1, says:

"A mounted force consisting of 100 Canadians of the Toronto company, and 200 Queenslanders, commanded by Colonel Rickards, two guns and a horse battery under Major De Rougemont, forty mounted infantry under Lieutenant Ryan, and two hundred of the Cornwall Light Infantry, the whole commanded by Colonel Pilcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering twenty miles before sunset. The force encamped at Cook's farm, where the troops were welcomed enthusiastically. At 6 o'clock this morning the force approached a spot where a laager of the Boers was reported. Colonel Pilcher, on approaching the position, which was a line of strong kopjes, detached Major De Rougemont with the guns, Torontos and mounted infantry to work toward the right, making a turning movement himself with the Queenslanders toward the south position. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenslanders completing the movement, the laager was captured with forty prisoners. The British casualties were two men killed, three wounded and one missing. The whole force worked admirably. The two men killed belonged to the Queensland contingent."

Achievement of Colonial Troops.

Another dispatch from Dover Farm, dated January 1st, says:

"The colonial troops, who have been longing to be allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportunity to do so and scored a brilliant success. The raid, conducted by Colonel Pilcher, was very difficult, owing to the fact that the movements of the troops were immediately communicated to the Boers by natives. In order to prevent this, Colonel Pilcher, in making his forced march from Belmont, left a British trooper at every farm house, with instructions not to allow the natives to leave their huts, the patrols calling the names of the natives hourly in order to prevent their escape. In the manœuvre at Cook's farm Colonel Pilcher sent mounted patrols east. One of these, consisting of four men, commanded by Lieutenant Adie, suddenly encountered fourteen Boers who opened fire. The lieutenant was severely wounded and private Butler gave up his horse in order to carry the lieutenant out of range. Another private, whose horse had bolted, returned pluckily to render service. He was wounded in his leg and his horse was killed. Meanwhile Lieutenant Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported that the veldt on the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major De Rougemont ordered the guns to a trot. They arrived within fifteen hundred yards of the laager, unlimbered, and planted five shells in as many minutes in the laager.

Surprised the Boers.

Immediately the enemy could be seen coming over the kopje. They were completely surprised, but quickly opened a well directed fire.

A representative of the Associated Press had the privilege of carrying an order to the Toronto company to double quick into action. The order was received with great satisfaction. The company rushed forward until within a thousand yards of the enemy's position, when it opened a hot fire upon the kopje and completely subdued the Boer fire.

The British artillery shelled the position with wonderful accuracy, while Lieutenant Ryan, with mounted infantry, worked around and completely uncovered the fire of the Boers who had been esconced in the bushes.

Meanwhile Colonel Pilcher, with the Queenslanders, taking advantage of every cover, made a direct attack, the Australians moving slowly but surely and only shouting when they saw the enemy retiring under their steady fire. The Queenslanders behaved with great coolness, laughing and chaffing even at the moment of great peril.

DOUGLASS, CAPE COLONY, January 2—Colonel Pilcher has occupied Douglass without opposition, and has been received with enthusiasm by the loyalists.

Gen. French's Success.

LONDON, January 2.—The success of General French's column is at length confirmed officially, the War Office this afternoon issuing a dispatch from Cape Town, Monday, January 1st, as follows:

"French reports at 2 P. M., to-day, from Coleskop by telegraph as follows:

"'Leaving at Rensburg, holding the enemy in front, half of the First Suffolks and a section of the Royal Horse Artillery, I started thence at 5 in the afternoon, December 31, taking with me five squadrons of cavalry, half of the Second Berks and eighty mounted infantry (infantry carried in wagons) and ten guns.

"'I halted for four hours at Maidor's farm and at 8.30 this morning occupied the kopje overlooking and westward of Colesberg. The enemy's outposts were taken completely by surprise. At daylight we shelled the laager and enfiladed the right of the enemy's position. The artillery fire in reply was very hot from a 10-pounder using Royal laboratory ammunition, and other guns. We silenced the guns on the enemy's right flank, demonstrating with cavalry and guns to the north of Colesberg towards the junction, where a strong laager of the enemy was holding a hill and a position southeast of Colesberg, and as far as the junction.

Our position cuts the line of retreat via the road and bridge. Some thousands of Boers with two guns are reported to be retiring towards Norvalspont. All Remington's scouts proceeded towards Achterland yesterday morning. Slight casualties, about three killed and few wounded. Details later.

Buller's Army.

LONDON, January 2.—The *Daily Telegraph* has received the following, dated January 2nd, from Frere Camp:

"The weather is fine. The Tugela river is now fordable. General Buller's army is in fine form, ready and confident for the work before it."

Boers' Account.

PRETORIA, January 1.—Last night (Sunday) the British in great force attacked Commandant Schoeman's commando, in the Colesberg district, and tried to storm the position. They repeated the attack this morning, but they were forced to retreat, the Boers' holding the position. The loss of the British is not known, but it is reported to have been heavy. The Boers consider it a great compliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts should have been selected for the supreme command of the British forces.

ARCHBISHOP CHAPELLE.

Arrival of the Papal Delegate to the Philippines at Manila—Intrigues of the Friars.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MANILA, January 2.—Archbishop Chapelle, the Papal delegate to the Philippines, arrived here to-day on the United States transport Sherman, which sailed from San Francisco December 8th. He will lodge in the house formerly occupied by Charles Denby, of the Philippine advisory commission. This action on the part of Monsignor Chapelle settles the contest between the various friar brotherhoods in Manila, who, separately, have been using their influence to obtain the privilege of entertaining the archbishop and the Rev. Father McKinnon, late of the California volunteers and now a regular army chaplain, who was also a passenger on the Sherman. It is said that the friars are striving to secure Monsignor's Chapelle's ear for the purpose of securing better protection for individual interests.

Revolutionists having started the rumor that Monsignor Chapelle intends eventually to recommend the appointment of Father McKinnon as Archbishop of the Philippines, the latter's defence of the brotherhoods in the American newspapers has been translated and circulated among the natives, for the purpose, it is declared, of showing that Father McKinnon will support the brotherhoods if he is selected.

Such statements as these create uneasiness among the natives, which is increased by recent news received from Spain to the effect that Monsignor Chapelle will support the brotherhoods.

The Tagalogs, it is declared, have become more embittered against the church since Archbishop Nozalda excommunicated an insurgent priest, and it is said the number of Protestant marriages among the natives continually increases.

BRYAN FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

Senator Allen Says He Will Be the Candidate of the Democrats, Populists and Free Silver Republicans.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—Senator Allen, of Nebraska, in an interview to night, authorized an absolute denial of reports that he would be the candidate for the presidency of a part of the fusion forces. He said: "I would not accept the nomination if it were unanimously tendered me. Mr. Bryan undoubtedly will be the candidate of the Democratic, Populist and Free Silver parties for the presidency. Nebraska will give him a united active delegation to all three of the conventions."

Senator Allen declared emphatically that so far as he knew Mr. Bryan had not aided him in his candidacy for the Senate.

LINCOLN, NEB., January 2.—The return of William J. Bryan will be followed by a conference of Nebraska fusion trades as well as some Democrats of prominence of other States. Committeeman Miller of Oregon leads the advance guard of the outsiders and has been here several days, waiting for Colonel Bryan.

It is the plan to get an expression from Mr. Bryan on what he deems wise in the way of preliminary action for the national campaign. On Friday the State central committees of the Democrats, Populists and Free Silver Republicans will meet.

FATAL POWDER EXPLOSION.

Three People Killed and Three Badly Burned in Lowndes County, Ala.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., January 2.—As a result of a powder explosion at the home of C. M. Patterson, near Drain postoffice, in Lowndes county, last Friday, three people are dead and three badly burned. Mr. Patterson was loading shells preparatory to a hunting party from an open keg of powder, which he held between his knees. One of his little girls suddenly threw a piece of wood on the fire in the grate and the explosion followed a second later. The little girl was instantly killed and Mr. Patterson's father and mother, who were seated before the fire, were so badly burned that they died yesterday. Mr. Patterson is reported to be fatally burned. Patterson's wife rushed into an adjoining room with her clothes on fire and picked up her baby. Both were severely burned.

FIRE IN RICHMOND, VA.

C. & O. Railroad Offices Burned—Loss on Building $70,000, Fully Insured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., January 2.—What threatened to be a very disastrous fire broke out early this morning in the big Main street building used as the general offices of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, and which covers the site of the old Spotswood hotel, which was burned with considerable loss of life on Christmas eve, 1870.

The firemen were terribly handicapped by frozen water plugs and the network of wires in front and around the building, but managed to confine the flames to the upper stories. The loss on the building is about $70,000; fully covered by insurance. The railroad company suffered great inconvenience and loss in the destruction of papers that cannot be duplicated, but is established in new quarters throughout the city.

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KENTUCKY FIGHT FOR GOVERNORSHIP

Notices Served by Goebel and Beckham Against Taylor and Marshall.

THE GROUNDS OF CONTEST.

State Legislature Meets—Both Houses Organized by the Democrats—Blackburn Chosen for U. S. Senator. The Bribery Case.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FRANKFORT, KY., January 2.—The notices of contest by Senator Goebel and J. C. W. Breckham, against Governor Taylor and Lieutenant Governor Marshall were served late to-night. Nine different grounds of contest are embraced in the notices, the substance of which is as follows.

First—Alleged use of tissue ballots in forty counties.

Second—Military interference with the election and intimidation of voters in Jefferson county by troops under orders and personal command of Governor Bradley.

Third—Alleged unlawful issuance of mandatory injunctions by Judge Toney, in Louisville, on election day, by which election officers were compelled to sign false returns.

Fourth—Intimidation of railroad employes by chief officers of the Louisville and Nashville railroad in several counties.

Fifth—That the leaders of the Republican party corruptly entered into a conspiracy with the Louisville and Nashville railroad, the American Book Trust, and other corporations and trusts, by which these corporations furnished large sums of money for the purpose of defeating the contest.

Sixth—Alleged unlawful issuance of mandatory injunctions in Knox and Lewis counties, compelling county election boards to certify to false returns.

Seventh.—Alleged interference of United States marshals and the Republican leaders to intimidate voters.

Sixth.—That before the meeting of the State Election Commissioners, December 4th, the Louisville and Nashville railroad, through its paid agent, John H. Whallen, entered into a conspiracy with the Republican leaders, to bring to the State capital large bodies of desperados to intimidate and overawe the election commissioners into giving the certificates of election to Republican candidates; that Governor Bradley had for like purposes soldiers in citizens' clothing.

Ninth—That the Jefferson county election commissioners were forced, through threats of personal violence and incendiarism, inspired by the Louisville and Nashville, to sign returns which were not true.

The notice avers that any one of the grounds of contest are sufficient to change the result of the election.

Legislature Organized.

FRANKFORT, KY., January 2.—Both Houses of the Legislature organized at noon by electing the nominees of last night's Democratic caucus.

In the House, Trimble, for Speaker, received the full fifty-eight Democratic votes and J. P. Haswell all of the forty two Republicans.

The four Democratic Senators who bolted the caucus last night voted for the caucus nominees to-day.

Governor W. S. Taylor submitted a message of over 7,000 words, covering State affairs and presenting elaborate reasons for the repeal of the Goebel law, which he called the "infamy of 1898 that had demoralized, disturbed and disgraced the State." The Governor recommends a stringent law against lynching and all mobs and the prohibition of the use as well as the sale of cigarettes.

Blackburn Chosen for Senator.

After four years of retirement, former Senator Joseph Clay Styles Blackburn was chosen to-night by the joint caucus of the Democratic members of the Legislature, as the successor of Senator Linsey in the United States Senate. Notwithstanding Blackburn's nomination was a foregone conclusion and his election morally certain, the proceedings of the caucus to-night were enacted in the presence of a galaxy of Kentucky beauty and a dense throng of Blackburn's admirers. The caucus convened at 8 o'clock and was called to order by Senator Goebel, chairman of the joint caucus. There was a wild demonstration in the galleries when Goebel came into the hall before calling the caucus to order, the cheering continuing several minutes. Senators Alexander and Hays, Democrats, and McConnell, Populist, stayed out of the caucus.

Blackburn was placed in nomination by Senator Goebel, who said that the longest and bitterest fight ever fought for Senator in this State, which began four years ago (when Deboe defeated Blackburn), was about to reach its just termination. The State capitol rang with cheers as he placed Blackburn in nomination.

Senator Thomas asked that the roll be called so that every Democrat might have an opportunity to go on record for Blackburn. Senators Alexander and Hays failed to respond to their names, otherwise the vote was unanimous. Goebel was applauded when he voted for Blackburn.

The Bribery Charge.

John H. Whallen, who is accused by Senator S B. Harrell of having attempted to bribe him by offering him $4,500 to vote against Goebel in the gubernatorial contest, arrived here this afternoon and gave bond in the sum of $10,000. He was accompanied to the sheriff's office by General P. Watt Hardin and other anti Goebel leaders. His examining trial is set for 2 o'clock to morrow, when his attorneys will enter a plea as to the jurisdiction of the local courts, claiming that the offence, if there is one, was committed in Louisville.

ISLAND OF GUAM.

Slavery Abolished and All Spanish Priests Deported by the Governor.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, Jan. 2.—A naval officer who has arrived here from Guam brings a proclamation, issued by Captain Leary, naval governor of that island, decreeing the absolute prohibition and total abolition of slavery or peonage; the order taking effect February 22nd. The prologue of the proclamation declares that the Spanish system of peonage, amounting to slavery, is a menace to popular liberty and a violation of the privileges guaranteed by the American constitution.

Captain Leary also deported all the Spanish priests for reasons which were sufficient to him.

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NOT SUBJECT TO SEIZURE.

American Goods on Merchant Ships Captured by British Warships in Delagoa Bay.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—The State Department to-day received from United States Ambassador Choate, at London, by cable, a statement of the facts he had developed in connection with the seizure by British warships of American goods on the three merchant vessels Beatrice, Mashona and Maria. The goods comprised not only flour, but miscellaneous articles of common trade, and while they were shipped to Lorenso Marques in British and German ships, yet the contention of our officials is that they were not subject to seizure. They could not lodge representations on the subject until they were possessed of a knowledge of the facts; but as soon as Dr. Choate's statement came to hand to-day an instruction was ordered cabled to him to inform the British government that we could not admit the right of seizure in these cases. This is the preliminary step taken in such negotiations. Next in order will be a report from our consular representative at Lorenso Marques, respecting the present condition of the seized or detained goods and damage sustained.

To day's instruction to Mr. Choate was not a demand for the release of the goods, nor yet for indemnity, but rather a precautionary notice to the British government, intended to save all our rights in the case. It will be sufficient to inaugurate the settlement of the matter by negotiation, and the State Department has not the slightest dobt that the British authorities will make full amends to the owners of the goods when the facts are all laid before it.

REASSEMBLING OF CONGRESS.

No Programme of Business Arranged for the House This Week.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—Speaker Henderson said to-day that no exact programme of business in the House on the reassembling to-morrow and during the balance of the week had been made up, and the view prevailed with the Speaker and his associates on the Rules Committee that there would be adjournments until appropriation bills and the measures before other committees were ready for action by the House. The outlook, therefore, is for little business before the House during the remainder of this week.

There is some prospect of a sharp controversy over the consideration of resolutions of inquiry relative to the Treasury Department. During the recess several members are said to have prepared resolutions of this character.

TROLLEY CAR ACCIDENT.

Motorman Was Killed and One Passenger Seriously Injured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 2.—A trolley car, running at a high rate of speed to make up lost time, jumped the track this morning on a curve on Barnard street. The motorman, Henry Loper, was thrown over the dash board, striking on his head. His neck was broken, and death was almost instantaneous. The car was full of passengers, but only one, Clarence Godfrey, sustained injury. He was thrown from the platform and seriously hurt.

WARM WIRELETS.

The U. S cruiser Chicago, Admiral Schley's flagship, arrived at Montevideo Monday.

The Cortes of Portugal opened yesterday. No mention was made of Great Britain or the Transvaal in the speech from the throne.

Dr. Von Bloch, the Russian writer, announces that the proposed Russian war exhibit at the Paris Exposition will be omitted, upon the Czar's order.

The German second class cruiser Schwalbe has left Dar Es Saalam, a seaport of Africa twenty-five miles south of Zanzibar, for Lorenzo Marques.

Richard Croker of New York, who broke his leg yesterday near Wantage, Eng., while mounting a horse, is reported to be progressing favorably towards recovery.

The U. S. cruiser Nashville arrived at Manila Saturday, making the fourth of the five vessels recently ordered to Manila at the suggestion of Admiral Dewey.

The stockholders of the National City bank of New York, ratified the proposition of the directors to increase the capital stock, from $1,000,000 to $10,000,000.

The Macon, Ga., Chamber of Commerce unanimously adopted resolutions favoring the speedy construction of the Nicaraguan canal as a measure of paramount importance to the South.

The three masted schooner Eva D. Rose, from Norfolk for Camden, N. J., laden with pig iron, is ashore at Cold Spring harbor, near Cape May, N. J. Life savers have gone to her assistance.

General Corbin, chairman of the Lawton relief committee, announces that the subscriptions to the Lawton fund received up to yesterday amount to $39,263 35.

The trouble between mine operatives in Walker county, Ala., and the United Mine Workers has been adjusted and the miners who have been on a strike for eleven weeks will return to work.

Among the applicants who presented themselves for examination for commissions in the marine corps at Norfolk, Va., was J. P. Gridley, a son of Captain Gridley of Olympia fame. Young Gridley seeks to become a lieutenant.

The Hamburger *Correspondez* announces that the German bark Hans Wagner, of Hamburg, was seized by the British at Delagoa bay on December 21st, and that her owners have lodged a complaint with the British foreign office.

Oscar I. Fleming, the Princess Anne, Va, county magistrate who shot and killed Clarence L. Snyder a few weeks ago, was yesterday indicted for murder. His bail was increased from $1,000 to $10,000 and his trial set for the first Monday in February.

The steamer Australia at San Francisco from Honolulu, reports the death of a white girl at Honolulu, December 22d, and two Chinese found dead on Christmas day. These fatalities started a plague scare and every precaution was being taken to stamp out the disease when the boat left.

Extra precautions have been adopted by the military authorities in Dublin, Ireland. The constabulary has been fully armed. The sentries, from sundown to morning, have been increased at the barracks. Patrols march around and all leaves of absence are suspended.

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NEGRO GIRL ARRESTED.

Charged With Attempting to Poison Family of R. C. Batchelor in Raleigh.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., January 2.—Agnes Utley, a negro girl, was to day committed to jail here on the charge of attempting to poison the family of Richard C. Batchelor, a merchant, for whom she had been cooking. The poison used was a box of ordinary matches, which she put into the bottom of a coffee-pot before the coffee was made.

The evidence brought out on the preliminary examination showed that the girl had been discharged for refusing to properly perform some household work. This greatly enraged her and it is supposed she put the matches into the coffee pot as she was about to leave the house, to get revenge. The presence of the matches was discovered just as the coffee was about to be served at supper. The girl was immediately arrested.

A FATAL QUARREL.

Result of a Family Feud in Walker County, Georgia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., January 2.—As a result of a family feud, Jerome Henson and Thomas Jones, both of Walker county, Georgia, engaged in a quarrel at Cedar Grove. Jones knocked Henson down with a weight, crushing his skull. Henson managed to rise, got his pistol and followed Jones, overtaking him as he was entering his store. Henson emptied the contents of his pistol into Jones' body, the latter falling dead. Henson is now at the point of death.

NEW COTTON MILLS.

To Be Erected at Rockingham and King's Mountain, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 2.—T. C. Guthrie, just returned from Rockingham, Richmond county, says citizens there have decided to erect two new cotton mills. Work is to begin shortly.

Two new cotton mills organized at King's Mountain to day, each capitalized at $100 000. The Cora Mill, F. Dilling, president, and the T. Bonney, W. A. Manney president. Also, a new bank, capital $20,000, W. A. Manney president.

The $33,000,000 canal, at Chicago, at present used for sewage disposal, but ultimately to be a ship canal, is now in use, after seven years of hard work by the trustees of the sanitary district, which is the name of a corporation including the larger part of the city of Chicago and many of the suburbs.

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